

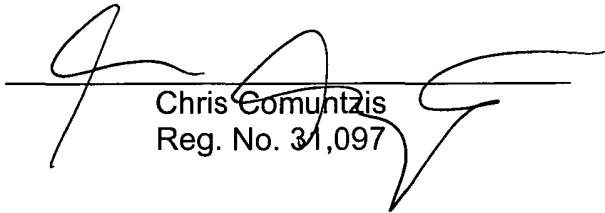
**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Original claims 1-26 stand in the present application. Applicants have filed this continuation application in order to pursue the originally filed claims with the parent case -- the original claims had been canceled in lieu of a different set of claims in the parent application. The specification and drawings have been revised in this continuation application to duplicate the changes that were made in the parent case. Accordingly, this case is now believed to be in better condition for examination, and an early action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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